

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

PIF Resource Information Sheet

This information sheet is designed to provide the Virginia Department of Historic Resources with the necessary data to be able to evaluate the significance of the property for possible listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. This is not a formal nomination, but a necessary step in determining whether or not the property could be considered eligible for listing. Please take the time to fill in as many fields as possible. A greater number of completed fields will result in a more timely and accurate assessment. Staff assistance is available to answer any questions you have in regards to this form.

General Property Information	For Staff Use Only DHR ID #: 044-5576
Property Name(s): <u>The Highlands; W. Burton Dillon House</u>	
Property Date(s): <u>1936</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Circa <input type="checkbox"/> Pre <input type="checkbox"/> Post Open to Public? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Limited <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Property Address: <u>510 Edgewood drive</u> City: <u>Stanleytown</u> Zip: <u>24168</u>	
County or Ind. City: <u>Henry</u> USGS Quad(s): <u>Bassett</u>	

Physical Character of General Surroundings
Acreage: <u>13</u> Setting (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Corridor
Site Description Notes/Notable Landscape Features: <u>The Highlands stands on a hill on the north side of Edgewood Drive, with an expansive, sloping lawn in front, and landscaped gardens to the sides and rear of the house.</u>
Secondary Resource Description: <u>The architect-designed garden is geometrically divided by pathways and rows of tall boxwoods, and includes a small garden folly built of wood framing. There are no other extant resources on the property.</u>
Ownership Category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Local <input type="checkbox"/> Public-State <input type="checkbox"/> Public-Federal

Individual Resource Information
What was the historical use of this resource? Examples include: Dwelling, Grist Mill, Bridge, Store, Tobacco Barn, etc...
<u>Single dwelling</u>
What is the current use? (if other than the historical use) <u>Single dwelling</u>
Architectural style or elements of styles: <u>Tudor Revival</u>
Architect, builder, or original owner: <u>Eubank and Caldwell, architects; W. Burton Dillon, original owner</u>
of stories <u>2</u> Condition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Rebuilt <input type="checkbox"/> Renovated
Are there any known threats to this property? <u>No</u>

Resource Component Information

Please answer the following questions regarding the individual components of the resource. If the component does not exist, answer "n/a." If you feel uncomfortable in answering the question, please leave the space blank. Photographs of the features can also help our staff identify specific feature components. Usually, priority is given to describing features on the primary (front) facade of the structure.

Foundation: Describe the foundation that supports the structure. Examples include piers, continuous brick, poured concrete.
Continuous concrete

Structure: Describe the primary structural component of the resource. Include primary material used. Examples include log, frame (sawn lumber), and brick. Also include the treatment, such as a particular brick bond or type of framing, if known.
Flemish bond brick and concrete

Walls: Describe the exterior wall covering such as beaded weatherboard or asbestos shingles.
Exposed brick

Windows: Describe the number, material, and form of the primary windows. This includes the number of panes per sash, what the sashes are made of, and how the sashes operate (are they hinged or do they slide vertically) Have the windows been replaced?
Multiple square-paned lead-camed casement windows

Porch: Briefly describe the primary (front) porch. List the primary material, shape of the porch roof, and other defining details.
n/a

Roof: Describe the roof, listing the shape and the covering material.
Slate shingle roof

Chimney(s): List the number of chimneys and the materials used. Include the brick bond pattern if possible.
Three clustered brick chimneys on each the front and side elevations

Architectural Description of Individual Resource: *(Please describe architectural patterns, types, features, additions, remodelings, or other alterations. A sketch of the current floor plan would be appreciated.)*

The house known as "the Highlands," completed c. 1936, is an opulent brick English Tudor-style building with prominent clustered chimneys on the south-facing (front) and west (side) elevations. With approximately 4,075 square feet of floor area, it was an exceedingly large house for its time and place, although Governor Thomas Stanley's ostentatious mansion, Stoneleigh [044-00087] completed in 1931, stands across Edgewood Drive to the southeast.

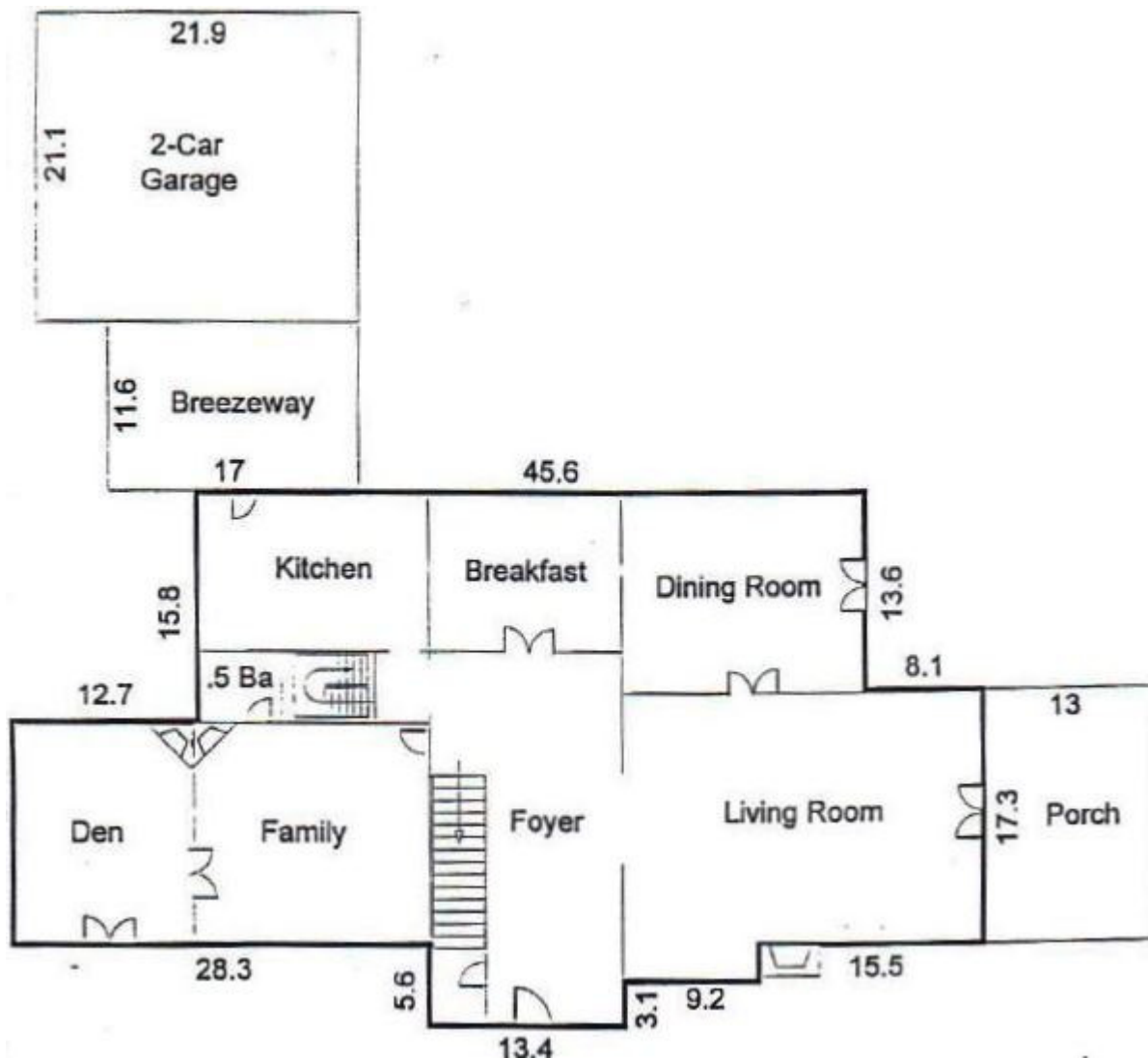
The main block of the house is a two-story, double-pile rectangle with lower, single-pile wings extending to the east and west. At the east end of the east wing is a one-story arcaded patio with an enclosed room above it. The arcade is comprised of paired, gauged-brick round arches on the south, east and north elevations. A 1.5-story, two-bay garage off the northwest corner is connected to the back of the house by a covered breezeway. The house exterior walls display Flemish bond brickwork, though the inner wall mass is said to be poured concrete. Other design elements include the slate roof and copper gutters (all replaced fairly recently by the previous owners); lead-camed casement windows; carved-stone Tudor-arched principal entrance surround, window lintels and sills; and various types of dormers with hip, gable, or shed roofs.

The house interior features an elegant staircase with turned balustrade and paneled spandrel; multiple-panel doors, wainscoting, and living room fireplace overmantel; segmental-arched room partitions, window bays, and wall niches; small, corner fireplaces in less formal rooms; original, highly crafted light fixtures and door hardware; unusual plaster medallions on the interior walls of the foyer and living room; an enclosed service stair; and pegged oak floors. The designed garden, geometrically divided by rows of tall boxwoods, wraps around the side and backyards.

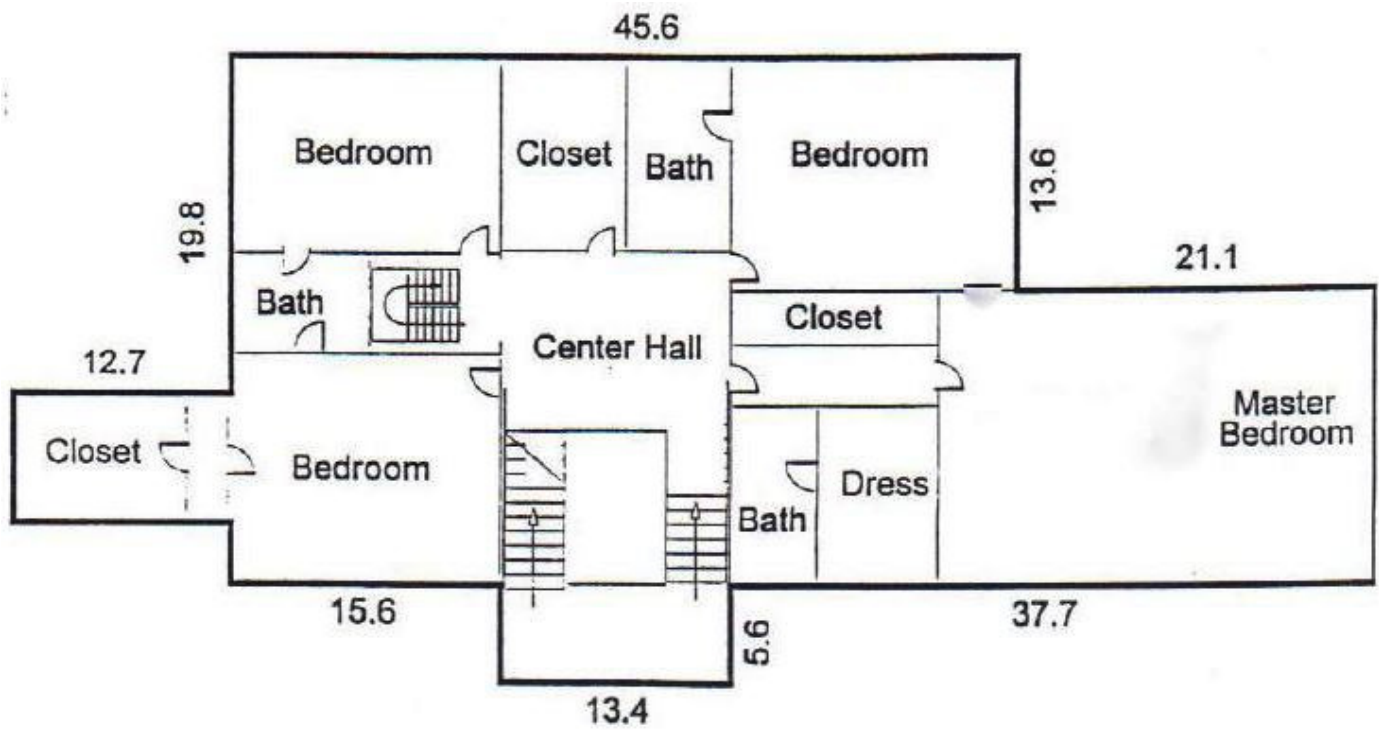
Significance Statement

As a locally rare high-style, architect-designed example of a Tudor Revival house with formal gardens, constructed during the Great Depression, the Highlands appears to be eligible under Criterion C in the areas of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. The period of significance spans the phases of design and construction from ca. 1936–1938. The house and gardens retain an exceptionally high degree of historic integrity and are very well maintained.

The house, garden, and landscaping were designed in 1936 by Roanoke architectural firm Eubank and Caldwell for Hooker Furniture executive W. Burton Dillon and his wife Alma, who lived there until her death at the age of 101. Dillon was a descendant of the Vaughn family (of Vaughn-Bassett Furniture fame) on his mother's side. His twin brother Benton built the Colonial Revival-style brick house on the adjoining property to the east of the Highlands. Numerous Eubank and Caldwell design drawings, including plans and elevations, remain in at the Highlands with the current owners, Jim and Julie Roberts. The drawings include an alternative design in the Colonial Revival style. A "schedule" of door hardware, etc. for the Highlands by the Sargent Company, provided to the Dillons by Nelson Hardware Co. of Roanoke Va. (dated September 17, 1936 on the cover) is also among the design/construction papers that remain with the house.



First-floor Plan



Second-floor Plan

Plan drawings from property sale flyer, c. 2015.

Legal Owner(s) of the Property (For more than one owner, please use a separate sheet.)Mr. ☒ Mrs. ☒ Dr. ☐
Miss ☐ Ms. ☐ Hon. ☐

Jim and Julie Roberts

n/a

PO Box 444

Stanleytown

VA

24168

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

(Email Address)

(Daytime telephone including area code)

Owner's Signature: _____

Date: _____

• • Signature required for processing all applications. • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: N/A

Daytime Telephone: ()

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)Mr. ☒ Mrs. ☐ Dr. ☐
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Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Notification

In some circumstances, it may be necessary for DHR to confer with or notify local officials of proposed listings of properties within their jurisdiction. In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator or City Manager.

Mr. ☒ Mrs. ☐ Dr. ☐
Miss ☐ Ms. ☐ Hon. ☐

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County Administrator

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Please use the following space to explain why you are seeking an evaluation of this property.

Seeking recognition of historical significance.Would you be interested in the State and/or the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits? Yes ☐ No ☒Would you be interested in the easement program? Yes ☐ No ☐